

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of investigating transactions in a data processing environment ~~comprising~~ including a trusted computing environment, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

~~i.~~ an investigation agency selecting a user within the trusted computing environment;

the investigation agency obtaining consent from the selected user to use an identity of the user in an investigation of a suspect party;

~~ii.~~ the investigation agency creating an investigation identity ~~which~~ that is owned by the user;

~~iii.~~ the investigation agency using the investigation identity to take part in transactions with the suspect party; and

~~iv.~~ creating a record of those transactions.

2. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the investigation identity is an anonymous identity.

3. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which transactions made using the investigation identity are kept in

an authenticated record by a trusted party.

4. - 5. (canceled)

6. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the user can monitor the transactions made using the investigation identity.

7. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the user can inhibit the ~~operation~~ use of the investigation identity.

8. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the trusted computing environment includes a trusted party ~~who~~ that maintains the identities of parties to a transaction such that the identity of each party can be authenticated by other parties whilst each party is anonymous to the other parties.

9. - 10. (canceled)